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May Milk Production

In May 2011, Wisconsin milk production fell 2 percent to 2.28 billion pounds. Milk per cow averaged 1,800 pounds, down 40 pounds from last year. There were 1.27 million milk cows in the state during May. This was the same as the previous month and 5,000 more than last May. As of June 1, 2010, Wisconsin had 12,092 licensed milk cow herds, down 75 from last month and down 631 from June 2010.

Total milk production in the 23 major states was 16.0 billion pounds in May. This was an increase of 2 percent over the previous year. Production per cow rose to 1,899 pounds, 6 pounds more than last May. The number of milk cows in the major states totaled 8.45 million head, was 15,000 more than last month and 103,000 more than last year.

Twelve states had higher milk production when compared with last May, 8 had lower production, and 3 had no change. Texas continued to show strong growth with a 9 percent increase in production. This was a result of 20,000 more cows than at this time last year combined with a 4 percent rise in milk per cow. Idaho and California also had strong growth, with 5 percent and 4 percent increases, respectively.

Even though they had more cows than last May, Minnesota's production fell by 3 percent due to a 3 percent decrease in milk per cow. Similarly, Wisconsin had higher cow numbers, but a 2 percent drop in milk per cow led to a decrease in milk production.

May Milk Production

State	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Production
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
WI	1,261	1,266	1,840	1,800	2,320	2,279	-2
CA	1,755	1,772	2,020	2,075	3,545	3,677	+4
ID	559	577	1,940	1,980	1,084	1,142	+5
MI	359	364	2,065	2,040	741	743	n.c.
MN	470	471	1,725	1,675	811	789	-3
NM	324	327	2,160	2,180	700	713	+2
NY	610	610	1,850	1,825	1,129	1,113	-1
PA	541	543	1,750	1,730	947	939	-1
TX	410	430	1,880	1,950	771	839	+9
23-state total	8,347	8,450	1,893	1,899	15,80	16,04	+2

1/Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

Cold Storage Stocks, United States

Commodity	May 31, 2010	April 30, 2011	May 31, 2011	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
CHEESE				
American	614,935	621,426	620,467	+1
Swiss	27,339	31,427	34,191	+25
Other Natural	384,533	386,577	393,854	+2
Total	1,026,807	1,039,430	1,048,512	+2
BUTTER	212,488	141,728	170,413	-20
FROZEN				
Beef	362,783	443,151	453,778	+25
Pork	446,049	549,279	545,109	+22
Chicken	692,744	741,568	760,357	+10
Turkey	461,805	364,503	443,863	-4

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

June Milk prices

Wisconsin's June milk price is expected to average \$21.00 per hundredweight (cwt.). This price is \$2.10 higher than May's price of \$18.90 per cwt. and \$6.00 more than June 2010.

The expected U.S. milk price for June is \$21.00 per cwt. This is up \$1.40 from May and is the same as Wisconsin's price. All of the major milk producing states are predicting a price increase from May to June. California is expecting the largest increase in price, from \$17.98 per cwt. in May to \$20.40 in June. The second and third largest increases are predicted to be in Minnesota and Wisconsin, respectively. Minnesota's price is anticipated to rise \$2.20 per cwt. to \$21.60. Texas is expecting the lowest price increase, rising only 30 cents per cwt. from May to June.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block cheese price closed at \$2.1300 per pound on June 29, while barrels were \$2.0875 per pound. The CME butter price was \$2.0300 per pound.

For the week ending June 18, 2011 the National Agricultural Statistics Service U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.9514 per pound, and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.9924 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$2.1188 per pound.

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Class III price for June will be released on July 1.



Increase in Tart Cherry Production

Wisconsin's tart cherry production for 2011 is forecast at 8.7 million pounds. If realized, this will be a 53 percent increase from last year's production. Most cherry trees in Wisconsin survived the winter with little or no winter damage. A cool spring, coupled with heavy rains led to a later and longer bloom. However, most trees pulled through those conditions with limited problems.

United States tart cherry production is forecast at 266 million pounds, up 40 percent from the 2010 production. Michigan, the largest producing State, expects a larger crop than last year. Development of the crop was behind normal due to below average spring temperatures. The bloom was reported to be excellent despite cool, wet conditions which hampered pollination in many locations. Washington experienced cold weather and wet conditions in the spring. Frost was a problem during bloom and conditions were less than optimal for pollination. Utah production is expected to be above last year despite reports of wind damage. Maturation of the cherries was reported to be uneven with some cherries turning yellow. New York growers are expecting record low production. Lake Ontario growers reported that excessive rain and lack of pollination affected the production potential this year. The Finger Lakes area was impacted by heavy snowfall in the winter and cold temperatures in the spring.

Milk Prices 1/

Selected states	May 2010		May 2011		June 2010	
	Price	Fat	Price	Fat	Price	Fat
	per cwt.	Test	per cwt.	Test	per cwt.	Test
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Milk for all uses						
WI	14.90	3.59	18.90	3.67	21.00	3.61
CA	13.60	3.59	17.98	3.61	20.40	3.58
ID	14.30	3.57	17.80	3.63	19.00	3.55
MI	15.60	3.51	20.60	3.61	21.50	3.55
MN	14.90	3.63	19.40	3.69	21.60	3.63
NM	14.50	3.42	19.20	3.54	20.30	3.50
NY	16.00	3.62	21.30	3.67	22.00	3.63
PA	16.90	3.60	22.10	3.65	22.80	3.60
TX	15.70	3.61	20.60	3.75	20.90	3.71
US	15.00	3.59	19.60	3.64	21.00	3.59

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. All milk price published by NASS reflects the gross milk price received by farmers.
Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

Tart Cherry Production

State	2009	2010	2011*
	Million pounds		
WI	10.9	5.7	8.7
MI	266.0	135.0	210.0
NY	11.2	7.8	6.5
OR	3.2	1.2	1.7
PA	3.9	2.3	3.2
UT	47.0	23.0	24.0
WA	16.7	15.4	12.0
US	358.9	190.4	266.1

*Forecast. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO



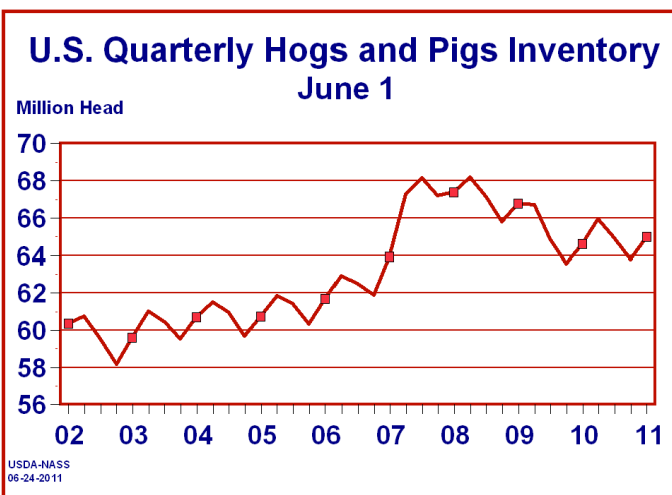
U.S. Hog Inventory Up 1 Percent

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2011 was 65.0 million head. This was up 1 percent from June 1, 2010, and up

2 percent from March 1, 2011. Breeding inventory, at 5.80 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.2 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 2 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2011 US pig crop, at 28.9 million head, was up slightly from 2010, but down 1 percent from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.88 million head, down 2 percent from 2010 and down 5 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.03 for the March-May 2011 period, compared to 9.81 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Wisconsin hog and pig data will now only be published annually in December. To access the entire hog report go to: www.nass.usda.gov/



Commercial Red Meat Production Up From Last Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.91 billion pounds in May, up 5 percent from the 3.73 billion pounds produced in May 2010.

Beef production, at 2.13 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.82 million head, up 1 percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,253 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.3 million pounds, 2 percent above May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 61,100 head, up 1 percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from last year, at 288 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.76 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.54 million head, up 7 percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 275 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.9 million pounds, was up 2 percent from May 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 179,400 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 4 pounds from May a year ago.

January to May 2011 commercial red meat production was 20.0 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 7 percent.

May 2010 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays. May 2011 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial Red Meat Production, United States 1/

Type	May 2010	Apr. 2011	May 2011	Jan - May 2/		Change from last year
				2010	2011	
	Million pounds					Percent
Beef	2,087	2,053	2,131	10,475	10,596	+1
Veal	10	10	10	56	54	-3
Pork	1,621	1,791	1,760	9,078	9,270	+2
Lamb & mutton	13	14	13	68	63	-7
Total red meat 3/	3,731	3,869	3,914	19,676	19,983	+2

1/Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. 2/Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 3/Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

Commercial Slaughter 1/, May 2011

Species	Wisconsin	Change from last year	U. S.	Change from last year
	1,000 hd	Percent	1,000 hd	Percent
Cattle, all	137.5	-5	2,818.1	+1
Calves	8.3	+20	61.1	+1
Hogs, all	45.8	+8	8,541.8	+7
Sheep and lambs	0.5	-29	179.4	-2

1/Excludes farm slaughter. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Prices Received by Farmers

Wisconsin milk, corn, and soybean prices were expected to increase from May to June 2011, while prices for oats and potatoes were expected to decrease during the same period. Prices for alfalfa and other hay were expected to remain at the same level as in May.

Corn in Wisconsin sold for an average price of \$6.60 per bushel in mid-June. This was 14 cents higher than the previous month's price and \$3.22 more than the price in June 2010. Nationwide corn prices averaged \$6.58 per bushel in mid-June.

The average price for soybeans in Wisconsin was \$12.80 per bushel in mid-June, 20 cents more than May's price and \$3.38 more than the price in June 2010. Across the United States soybeans sold for an average of \$13.30 per bushel in mid-June.

Wisconsin oats averaged \$3.25 per bushel in mid-June, 10 cents less than in the previous month but \$1.19 more than in June 2010. Nationally, mid-June oat prices averaged \$3.51 per bushel.

Alfalfa hay in Wisconsin sold for an average price of \$100.00 per ton in mid-June, level with the previous month but \$20.00 less than in June 2010. The average price for other hay types was \$75.00 per ton in mid-June, unchanged from May but \$10.00 less than the price in June of last year.

Prices Received

Commodity	Unit	Wisconsin			U.S.	
		June 2010	May 2011	June 15, 2011	June 2010	June 15, 2011
		Dollars			Dollars	
Milk, all	Cwt.	15.00	18.90	21.00	15.40	21.00
Corn	Bu.	3.38	6.46	6.60	3.41	6.58
Oats	Bu.	2.06	3.35	3.25	2.11	3.51
Soybeans	Bu.	9.42	12.60	12.80	9.45	13.30
Potatoes, all 3/ 4/	Cwt.	-	11.80	10.10	8.25	11.08
Fresh	Cwt.	-	14.40	-	8.08	-
Processing	Cwt.	-	7.45	-	8.64	-
Alfalfa hay, baled	Ton	120.00	100.00	100.00	119.00	180.00
Other hay, baled	Ton	85.00	75.00	75.00	99.10	113.00
Milk cows 1/	Head	-	-	-	-	-
Steers & heifers 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	94.80	108.00
Cows 2/ 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	57.90	77.20
Calves 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	122.00	129.00
Hogs, all 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	58.20	67.70
Wheat, all 5/	Bu.	-	-	-	4.16	7.85
Winter Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	4.05	7.35
Barley, all 5/	Bu.	-	-	-	3.64	5.11
Dry Edible Beans 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	26.00	33.20
Apples, fresh use 5/	Lb.	-	-	-	0.31	0.26

1/Milk cow prices are published quarterly for January, April, July, and October.

2/Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 3/Entire month. 4/Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed. 5/Monthly estimates for steer & heifers, beef cattle, calves, hogs, wheat, barley, dry beans, apples, are not published for Wisconsin. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

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